

CLAIMS

1.-64. (cancelled)

65. (currently amended) A rodenticidal bait composition ~~according to claim 64~~ effective against insects hosted by the rodents, said composition comprising, by weight:

at least 0.0001% fipronil;

from 0.001 to 0.025% of a rodenticide selected from the group consisting of
brodifacoum, difethialone, flocoumafen and mixtures thereof; and

from 50 to 99.999% of at least one feeding stimulant.

66. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 65 comprising at least 0.0002% by weight fipronil.

67. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 65 comprising from 0.002 to 0.010% by weight rodenticide.

68. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 67 comprising from 0.0025 to 0.0050% by weight rodenticide.

69. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 65 wherein the rodenticide is selected from the group consisting of brodifacoum and difethialone.

70. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 69 wherein the rodenticide is brodifacoum and the composition comprises about 0.0050% by weight brodifacoum.

71. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 69 wherein the rodenticide is difethialone and the composition comprises about 0.0025% by weight difethialone.

72. (currently amended) A composition according to claim ~~64~~ 65 wherein the feeding stimulant is one or more items selected from the group consisting of whole and processed seeds, cereal grains, sugar and sugar products, honey, meat and meat products that contain blood or fat, dairy products, eggs and egg products that contain shell or yolk, starch, whole and processed nuts, and vegetable oils.

73. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 72 wherein the feeding stimulant is one or more items selected from the group consisting of whole and processed seeds, cereal grains, sugar and sugar products, starch, whole and processed nuts, and vegetable oils.

74. (currently amended) A composition according to claim ~~64~~ 65 further comprising at least one attractant.

75. (currently amended) A composition according to claim ~~64~~ 65 further comprising one or more insecticidally and rodenticidally compatible excipients and/or adjuvants selected from the group consisting of dye, bittering agent, solvent, flow agent, binder, weatherability enhancer and preservative.

76. (cancelled)

77. (currently amended) A rodenticidal bait composition ~~according to claim 76~~ effective against acarids hosted by the rodents, said composition comprising, by weight:

at least 0.001% fipronil;

from 0.001 to 0.025% of a rodenticide selected from the group consisting of brodifacoum, difethialone, flocoumafen and mixtures thereof;

from 50 to 99.998% of at least one feeding stimulant.

78. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 77 comprising at least 0.0015% by weight fipronil.

79. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 78 comprising at least 0.0025% by weight fipronil.

80. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 79 comprising at least 0.0040% by weight fipronil.

81. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 77 comprising from 0.002 to 0.010% by weight rodenticide.

82. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 81 comprising from 0.0025 to 0.0050% by weight rodenticide.

83. (currently amended) A composition according to claim ~~76~~ 77 wherein the rodenticide is selected from the group consisting of brodifacoum and difethialone.

84. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 83 wherein the rodenticide is brodifacoum and the composition comprises about 0.0050% by weight brodifacoum.

85. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 83 wherein the rodenticide is difethialone and the composition comprises about 0.0025% by weight difethialone.

86. (currently amended) A composition according to claim ~~76~~ 77 wherein the feeding stimulant is one or more items selected from the group consisting of whole and processed seeds, cereal grains, sugar and sugar products, honey, meat and meat products that contain blood or fat, dairy products, eggs and egg products that contain shell or yolk, starch, whole and processed nuts, and vegetable oils.

87. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 86 wherein the feeding stimulant is one or more items selected from the group consisting of whole and processed seeds, cereal grains, sugar and sugar products, starch, whole and processed nuts, and vegetable oils.

88. (currently amended) A composition according to claim ~~76~~ 77 further comprising at least one attractant.

89. (currently amended) A composition according to claim ~~76~~ 77 further comprising one or more insecticidally and rodenticidally compatible excipients and/or adjuvants selected from the group consisting of dye, bittering agent, solvent, flow agent, binder, weatherability enhancer and preservative.

90. (previously presented) A rodenticidal bait composition comprising, by weight, about 0.004% fipronil,
about 0.005% brodifacoum; and
from 50 to 99.7% of at least one feeding stimulant.

91. (previously presented) A rodenticidal bait composition comprising, by weight, about 0.004% fipronil,
about 0.0025% difethialone; and
from 50 to 99.7% of at least one feeding stimulant.

92. (currently amended) A method of killing ticks and a host rodent thereof, comprising providing for ingestion ~~to~~ by said rodent a bait composition comprising ~~an effective amount~~ from 10 to 250 ppm of a rodenticide selected from the group consisting of brodifacoum, difethialone, flocoumafen and mixtures thereof, and ~~an acaricidally effective amount up to 200ppm~~ at least 10 ppm of fipronil.

93. (cancelled)

94. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~93~~ 92 wherein the bait composition provided for ingestion by said rodent comprises at least 15 ppm fipronil.

95. (previously presented) A method according to claim 94 wherein the bait composition provided for ingestion by said rodent comprises at least 25 ppm fipronil.

96. (previously presented) A method according to claim 95 wherein the bait composition provided for ingestion by said rodent comprises at least 40 ppm fipronil.

97. (cancelled)

98. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~97~~ 92 wherein the bait composition provided for ingestion by said rodent comprises from 20 to 100 ppm rodenticide.

99. (previously presented) A method according to claim 98 wherein the bait composition provided for ingestion by said rodent comprises from 25 ppm to 50 ppm rodenticide.

100. (previously presented) A method according to claim 92 wherein the bait composition provided for ingestion by said rodent comprises a rodenticide selected from the group consisting of brodifacoum and difethialone.

101. (previously presented) A method according to claim 100 wherein the bait composition provided for ingestion by said rodent comprises brodifacoum in an amount of about 50 ppm.

102. (previously presented) A method according to claim 100 wherein the bait composition provided for ingestion by said rodent comprises difethialone in an amount of about 25 ppm.

103. (currently amended) A method of killing fleas and a host rodent thereof, comprising providing for ingestion ~~to~~ by said rodent a bait composition comprising ~~an effective amount from 10 to 250 ppm~~ of a rodenticide selected from the group consisting of brodifacoum, difethialone, flocoumafen and mixtures thereof, and ~~an insecticidally effective amount up to 200 ppm~~ at least 1 ppm of fipronil.

104. (cancelled)

105. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~104~~ 103 wherein the bait composition provided for ingestion by said rodent comprises at least 2 ppm fipronil.

106. (cancelled)

107. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~106~~ 105 wherein the bait composition provided for ingestion by said rodent comprises at least 40 ppm fipronil.

108. (cancelled)

109. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~108~~ 103 wherein the bait composition provided for ingestion by said rodent comprises from 20 to 100 ppm rodenticide.

110. (previously presented) A method according to claim 109 wherein the bait composition provided for ingestion by said rodent comprises from 25 ppm to 50 ppm rodenticide.

111. (previously presented) A method according to claim 103 wherein the bait composition provided for ingestion by said rodent comprises a rodenticide selected from the group consisting of brodifacoum and difethialone.

112. (previously presented) A method according to claim 111 wherein the bait composition provided for ingestion by said rodent comprises brodifacoum in an amount of about 50 ppm.

113. (previously presented) A method according to claim 111 wherein the bait composition provided for ingestion by said rodent comprises difethialone in an amount of about 25 ppm.